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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: UNION CARBIDE DISCUSSIONS WITH TANGOV

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 416 AND 254

1. DURING THEIR JAN 31/FEB 1 VISIT TO TANZANIA, UNION CARBIDE
EXECUTIVES CALLED ON JUNIOR MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOU
TO DISCUSS SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES. ON WAY TO AIRPORT DEPARTURE,
EXECUTIVES BRIEFED ECON OFF ON MEETING WHICH THEY DESCRIBED AS
VERY CONGENIAL AND NOTHING DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THEY HAD EXPECTED.

2. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF UNION CARBIDE/FOUM MEETING AS
RELAYED TO US BY UNION CARBIDE:

A. EXECUTIVES BRIEFED FOU ON BACKGROUND OF THEIR CURRENT
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SOUTHERN AFRICA TRIP, INCLUDING THE COMPANY'S RECENTLY-
COMPLETED SCENARIOS/OPTIONS PAPER ON ZIMBABWE. THEY INFORMED
FOU OF THEIR INTENTION TO VISIT SALISBURY IN NEXT FEW DAYS TO
MEET WITH SMITH, MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE AND THEIR HOPE TO RETURN
TO LUSAKA ON FEBRUARY 12 TO MEET WITH NKOMO FOLLOWING MALTA
TALKS. (FOU DECLINED THEIR OFFER TO CARRY ANY MESSAGE TO
SMITH.)

B. FOUM RESPONDED WITH BRIEFING ON CURRENT STATE OF PLAY RE NAMIBIA PROXIMITY TALKS, MEETING IN MALTA ON ZIMBABWE, AND TANZANIAN APPROACH TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA. FOUM SAID THAT TANZANIA, AS DO ALL FRONT LINE STATES, SUPPORTS THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS AND THE CONCEPT OF ELECTIONS BEFORE INDEPENDENCE. HE REITERATED TANGOV VIEW THAT IT INCONCEIVABLE THAT ANY INTERNAL SETTLEMENT COULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

C. IN RESPONSE UNION CARBIDE QUESTION, FOUM SAID NKOMO WOULD NOT (LATER IN DISCUSSION CHANGED TO "PROBABLY" NOT) JOIN IN ANY INTERNAL SETTLEMENT PROCESS. FOUM SAID NKOMO IS COMMITTED TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND WOULD LOSE CREDIBILITY WITH THE FRONT LINE SHOULD HE ENGAGE IN ANY DEAL OR ELECTIONS OUTSIDE OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS. FOUM NOTED HIS FEELING THAT BRITISH FAVOR NKOMO AS LEADER OF ZIMBABWE.

D. IN RESPONSE QUESTIONS ABOUT PRESERVATION OF ECONOMIC BASE FOR ZIMBABWE, FOUM STRESSED THAT LAND REFORM WOULD BE ESSENTIAL IN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE. WHITE3 COULD NOT RETAIN ANY VESTED INTERESTS. FOUM SAID THAT SMITH WOULD BE UNABLE TO CONCEDE ALL NECESSARY CONDITIONS, SUCH AS REFORM OF LAND TENURE AND ECONOMIC CONTROL. FOUM DID NOT DIRECTLY ADDRESS ISSUE OF FUTURE ROLE OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS IN ZIMBABWE.

E. FOUM SAID KEY ISSUE IN MALTA TALKS REVOLVES AROUND
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STRUCTURE OF THE MILITARY FORCES AND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN UN AND PATRIOTIC FRONT FORCES. FOUM CLAIMED MUGABE HAS THE LARGEST PUBLIC SUPPORT WITHIN RHODESIA; MUZOREWA HAS "SOME."

F. ON NAMIBIA, FOUM DESCRIBED KEY ISSUE AS SOUTH AFRICAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL. HE THOUGHT THAT WESTERN CONTACT GROUP COUNTRIES, EXCEPT FOR FRANCE, WOULD "HANG TOUGH" IN PRESSURING SOUTH AFRICA FOR ACCEPTABLE NAMIBIA SOLUTION.

G. WITHOUT RHETORIC OR LECTURING, FOUM ARGUED THAT UNION CARBIDE SHOULD CLOSE ITS OPERATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA. "A PAYCHECK MEANS NOTHING FOR BLACKS UNLESS THEY HAVE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL EQUALITY."
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